

Summary Account OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Upon the ~~HAPPY~~ DISCOVERY of the
Jacobite Conspiracy.

In a SECOND LETTER to a Devonshire Gentleman.

London, March 3. 1695.

Dear Sir,

JUST now is come to Hand yours of the 27th past, calling for my Answer to that of the 18th, which I hope is now with you; for I sent it by the last Post, and also a Duplicate thereof, as you desired, under cover to our Friend at *Tornes*. However, lest those should be intercepted, I here give you a Transcript of it, with the addition of some things which since occur, omitting the Minutes which you requested me to hand to you of *Gadbury's* and *Partridge's* Predictions of this Hellish Plot, having sent you their Almanacks, and also that of *Woodward's*, by the *Exeter* Carrier, which I know is a safe way.

Mine told you that on Monday the 24th, the King came to the House of Lords, and in a Speech acquainted both Houses;

That he was come on an extraordinary Occasion, which might have proved fatal if it had not been disappointed by the singular Mercy and Goodness of God.

That he had received several concurring Informations of a Design to assassinate him, and that our Enemies were very forward in their Preparations for a sudden Invasion of the Kingdom.

That His Majesty had not been wanting to give the necessary Orders for the Fleet, and that he hoped there was a Strength of Ships, and in such a Readiness, as would be sufficient to disappoint the Intentions of our Enemies.

That he had dispatched Orders for bringing Home such a Number of our Troops, as might secure us from any Attempt; and exhorted them to do every thing which they should judge proper for our Common Safety, &c.

Upon this astonishing News the House of Commons (*Nemine Contradicente*) resolved to address His Majesty to congratulate his happy Deliverance, and to give him their Thanks for imparting the Horrid Design to the House, and to desire His Majesty to take more than ordinary Care of his Royal Person, assuring him that they will stand by, assist, and defend His Majesty with their Lives and Fortunes, against the late King *James* and all other His Enemies both at Home and Abroad; and that in case His Majesty should come to any violent Death (which God forbid) they would revenge the same upon all his Enemies and their Adherents, &c.

The House of Lords also unanimously agreed upon an Address to His Majesty, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Commons; who made some Amendments thereunto, to which the Lords agreeing: The same Evening both Houses attended His Majesty therewith. You have here a Copy thereof.

WE your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled; having taken into our serious Consideration, what your Majesty hath been pleased to Communicate to us this day, think it our Duty in the first place to give Your Majesty most Humble Thanks, for having acquainted Your Parliament, with the great Danger Your Sacred Person hath been so nearly expos'd to, and the Design of an Invasion from our Enemies Abroad; We heartily Congratulate Your Majesty's Happy Preservation, and thankfully acknowledge the signal Providence of God in it; and at the same time Declare our Detestation and Abhorrence of so

Villanous and Barbarous a Design: And since the Safety and Welfare of Your Majesty's Dominions do so intirely depend upon Your Life, We most Humbly Beseech Your Majesty to take more than Ordinary Care of Your Royal Person: And we take this Occasion to Assure Your Majesty of our utmost Assistance, to Defend Your Person, and Support Your Government against the late King James, and all other Your Enemies, both at Home and Abroad; hereby Declaring to all the World, That in case Your Majesty shall come to any Violent Death, (which God forbid) we will Revenge the same upon all your Enemies, and their Adherents. And as an Instance of our Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, we will give all possible Dispatch to the Publick Business: And we make it our Desire to Your Majesty, to Seize and Secure all Persons, Houses, and Arms, that Your Majesty may think fit to Apprehend upon this Occasion.

To which His Majesty gave a gracious Answer to the effect following, viz.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Thank you heartily for this kind Address: On my Part you may be assured, that I will do all that is within my Power for the Conservation of this Kingdom, to which I have so many Obligations. I will readily adventure my Life for the Preservation of it, and recommend my self to the Continuance of your Loyalty and good Affections.

The House of Commons also the same day resolv'd upon the following Association to be signed by their Members.

W Hereas there has been a Horrid and Detestable Conspiracy, Formed and Carried on by Papists, and other Wicked and Traiterous Persons, for Assassinating his Majesty's Royal Person in Order to Incourage an Invasion from France, to Subvert our Religion, Laws, and Liberty: We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, do Heartily, Sincerely, and Solemnly Profess, Testify and Declare, That his Present Majesty King William is Rightful and Lawful King of these Realms. And we do Mutually Promise and Engage to stand by and assist each other, to the utmost of our Power, in the Support and Defence of his Majesty's most Sacred Person and Government, against the late King James and all his Adherents: And in case his Majesty come to any Violent or Untimely Death (which God forbid) We do hereby further Freely and Unanimously Oblige our Selves, to Unite, Associate, and Stand by each other, in Revenging the same upon his Enemies, and their Adherents; and in Supporting and Defending the Succession of the Crown, according to an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown.

There is also an Association agreed upon by the House of Lords, which was carried by a Majority, which will appear to be of a Comfortable Importance.

Their Lordships Association differs so little from that of the Commons, that I do not transcribe it; but shew you how they vary: Instead of the Words [King William is *RIGHTFUL* and Lawful King] their Lordships insert,

That His present Majesty King William hath *A RIGHT BY LAW* to the Crown of this Realm, and that neither the late King James, nor the pretended Prince of Wales, nor any other Person hath any Right whatsoever to the same, &c.

Ninety six of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, have already subscribed their Association, and others, who were at first absent, come in daily: it hath been refused only by 15, whose Names lying in a narrow Compass, I here give you.

Marquiss of Halifax.

Marquiss of Northampton (who when King James Abdicated we knew by the Title of Earl of Mulgrave.)

Nottingham.

Chesherfield.

Earls of Thanet.

Winchelsea.

Scarfsdale.

Craven.

Earls of Faversham.

Aylesbury.

Lord Jeffries.

Lord Chandos.

Lord Ferrers.

Dr. Sprat, Bishop of Rochester.

Dr. Watson, Bishop of St. Davids.

Their Lordships have also ordered Letters to be sent to these undernamed Peers, who are in the Country, to attend the House; and their subscribing is not doubted.

The Dukes of Beaufort, and Richmond.

Earls of Rutland.

Derby.

Bristol.

Lord Viscount Weymouth.

Fitz-Water.

Leigh.

Lampeter.

Osulton.

Willoughby.

Coventry.

Rockingham.

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The House of Commons having, as I told you, agreed upon the above-written Association, ordered it to be engrossed, to be Signed by their Members; and near 400 of that August Assembly, which consists of 513, have already (with great Alacrity) subscribed it. But some at present hesitate, some others refuse it, their Names are underwritten.

Berks Sends 9. Members: W illiam Jennyns Simon Harcourt.	Hertfordshire. 8. Robert Price.	Staffordshire. 10. * Robert Burdett Sir John Leveson Gower * John Grey * Sir Henry Gough.
Bucks. 14. Alexander Denton Mountague Drake Sir James Etheridge.	Huntington. 4. Anthony Hammond.	Surrey. 14. John Parsons.
Cambridgeshire. 44. Henry Lord Hyde John Manley Daniel Eliot Henry Fleming Francis Buller John Tredenham Seymour Tredenham Sir William Coryton John Mountstevens Bernard Granville Charles Lord Cheney * Francis Gwyn.	Kent. 18. * Sir John Banks.	Sussex. 28. * Sir William Morley John Lewknor Sir Thomas Dyke William Stringer.
Cheshire. 4. Sir Thomas Grosvenor.	Lancashire. 14. Leigh Banks Thomas Brotherton Sir Roger Bradshaw Peter Shakerley.	Warwickshire. 6. William Bromley Andrew Archer George Bohun * Lord Digby Francis Grevill.
Derbyshire. 4. Sir Gilbert Clarke.	Lincolnshire. 12. George Lord Castleton Sir John Bolles.	Westmoreland. 4. Sir William Twifden * Sir Christopher Musgrave.
Devon. 26. Francis Courteney * Sir Edward Seymour John Granville.	Essex. 12. Sir John Wodehouse.	Wiltshire. 34. Robert Bertie William Harvey Henry Pynnill Thomas Bennet William Daniel.
Dorsetshire. 20. * Thomas Strangways Thomas Freke * Richard Fownes.	Northampton. 9. Thomas Cartwright * Gilbert Dolben.	Worcestershire. 9. Samuel Swift * Henry Parker.
Essex. 30. * Robert Byerly Sir Marmaduke Wivill Sir Michael Wentworth.	Northumberland. 8. * William Foster.	Wales. 24. * Edward Jones Jeffery Jefferies * Sir Richard Middleton * Edward Brereton Sir John Conway * Thomas Mansel,
Gloucester. 8. Robert Payne William Frye Richard How John How.	Oxford. 9. * Mountague Lord Norris * Sir Robert Jenkinson Heneage Finch Sir Edward Norris Thomas Rowney James Bertie Sir Robert Daffwood.	
	Salop. 12. * Edward Kynaston John Kynaston * Andrew Newport * George Weld.	
	Somerset. 18. Sir John Trevillian * Edward Berkley * John Sandford Sir Charles Carterett Sir John Smith.	
	Southampton 26. Henry Holmes * Thomas Done	

In all but 93 Dissenters.

Pardon me, Sir, that I forgot to insert the name of Wi: Williams, who you may remember Spew'd Sir Robert Peyton out of the House of Commons, for corresponding with the late King when Duke of York. And who told King Charles II. That the Commons were not given to Change; but it is now evident that some of their Quondam Speakers are.

On Tuesday the House ordered that their absent Members, as they come to the House, do come up to the Table, and sign the Association; or, in their Places, declare their Refusal so to do: and

On Thursday it was ordered that the Association, and the Subscriptions thereunto, be entred upon the Journal of the House; and Resolved that it be presented to His Majesty, by the Speaker, and the whole House, before the end of the Session.

It was also, the same day, ordered that such Members who have not already, shall by Monday Fortnight Sign the Association, or declare their Refusal; and I do on as good Ground, as Gadbury foretold the Plot, predict that the Body of Refusers in this Honourable House will scarce, at the summing up, amount to the number of one hundred.

Permit me now (Dear Sir) to Recreate my self a little in remarking on what I have laid before you, As

*Note marked with a * now original in the original
of the Association of the House of Commons*

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 As the Doubting Lords are but few; so of the twenty six Members of your Large and Rich County of Devon, you find but three Dissenters; and but one (I include not their Bishop) of the eighteen in the Spacious County of Kent. No more than one out of twelve in another of the largest Counties of England, I mean Norfolk. To augment their Number, Essex (another of our greatest Counties) furnishes one out of eight. Cheshire one out of their four. Derbyshire one out of four also; and Herefordshire such another one out of eight. The Diminutive, but Opulent, County of Huntington, has lent them another out of four: and that Honest County of Surrey one out of fourteen, but I assure you it is a very Sorry One.

You find not one of the sixteen Members for the Cinque Ports in this Non-Association; and the twelve Counties of Wales have of their twenty four Members but eight Refusers, of whom one is now His Majesties Counsel, and was of King James's Counsel against the Bishops. Indeed they have a Recusant Bishop to head them, of King James's own making; but unless I misremember he was not one of the seven golden Candlesticks.

You want (Sir) in the above-written List eleven of our English Counties, which are these,

Bedfordshire Sends 4 Members.

Cambridgeshire. 6.

Cumberland. 6.

Durham. 4.

Hertfordshire. 6.

Leicestershire. 4.

London, Middlesex and Westminster. 8.

Dorsetshire. 3.

Nottinghamshire. 8.

Rutland. 2.

Suffolk. 16.

Of which Number, being 67, I tell you for their Honour, there is not one Recusant.

I farther observe to you, that in the seven old Associated Counties, viz. Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Huntington, Bedford and Hertford, there are but 3 Recusants; and you will find above 4 times that Number of Associating Lords there. In London and the contiguous Counties, viz. Middlesex, Bucks, Berks, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Lincoln, and Northampton, which make another 11 Counties, and send no less than 172 Members; you will find, upon review of the foregoing List; that there had been but 19 Refusers, had not Mr. Done and Mr. Parsons added two to their Number.

Now to detain you no longer in discoursing of the House of Commons; let this assure you that the City of London had like to have been as unanimous as the first 11 Counties. A Common Council was this last Week summoned, where the foregoing Association being proposed it was agreed unto and signed by every Member present (that whole Body consisting of 234), one only excepted; whose name may not be forgot, it is Lawrence Cole, a Man of little Note before he was one of honest Mr. Bateman's Jury.

I hope Sir, this pleasant Scheme of the Kingdom, and its Affairs, will in some measure relieve you from the Panick fear into which you say Gadbury and Partridge had put you. Now for the Service of the Government, you have my free consent to shew this to your Honest Neighbours (especially to our Friends of Exeter and Totness.) Nay to any Man, for, tho as you know I pay a Deference to Sir E. Seymour, and a far greater to the Nations Representatives, I am confident I shall not in this Juncture incur their displeasure by naming a squeamish Conscienced Gentleman, who (after 7 years Apprenticeship) will not go the Length to avow K. William's Right to the Crown.

When a Town is on Fire, the blowing up a House is surely justifiable. Our Neighbour Nation once upon a time told a bigger Man than Sir E. S. that a King for some Crimes might Forefault; and had Sir E. been thrown out of the House last Week, I should not have laid it to Heart.

I have long agoe resolved to run a Muck against all the Enemies of this Government, and know by Consequence that I am to expect no Quarter when it is overturned, which makes me now as fearless of being called to a Reckoning, as I am of this Plot; but should that betide me, I wish it may be before the present Commissioners for Accounts.

I have Sir, been so prolix that I cannot now enter into the particulars of this Diabolical Conspiracy, but for your Comfort it is happily discovered, and most miraculously disappointed. Admiral Russell now blocks up the French Fleet about Calais, and I hope to tell you by the next that he has destroyed them.

The Tower of London was to have been delivered up to the French Cut-Throats, and they say by Major Hawley an Officer there; it is certain he is secured. Take Heart my Friend, for our Enemies will not easily get possession of the Powder there; and I am confident all the Salt-Petre in Devonshire, (should 200 Tuns be discovered in any Vault there) will not supply enough to blow up this Government. For my part come what will, I resolve never to be bribed into the Jacobite Party; no, tho I should be tempted with the value of such a Cargo, which Sir E. S. well knows is not less worth than 12000 l.

You must not expect a License to this, for Sir Roger L'Estrange had last Night the Mishap to be committed Clofe Prisoner to Newgate.

I am, Sir, Yours sincerely B. J.

P. S. Sir, I esteem my self obliged to beg pardon, that I have here repeated the Name of Worthy Mr. Cartwright of Northamptonshire, who yesterday, upon second Thoughts, signed the Association; and I question not but the rest will follow the good Example he has set them.

